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1. TEXT US NOTE PROVIDED TO QUAI D'ORSAY (CLAUDE - LAFONTAINE) AND DGAC (ESPEROU) MORNING OF MARCH 30. AS OF THAT DATE GOF HAD HAD NO REPORT FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY. CIVIL AIR ATTACHE ALSO REITERATED REMARKS PARA 2, REFTEL TO CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE WHO TOOK CAREFUL NOTE THEREOF, BUT GAVE US NO REACTION.

2. TWA PARIS OFFICE, AFTERNOON OF MARCH 31, TOLD US DGAC (LEQUARTIER) HAD ADVISED THAT GENEVA-NICE AUTHORITY WOULD BE EXPENDED FOR ONLY 30 DAYS, TO APROL 30, PENDING DETAILED STUDY OF US NOTE WHICH APPEARED MORE RESTRICTIVE THAT DGAC HAD EXPECTED.

3. WE LATER DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH LEQUARTIER WHO MENTIONED NO PROBLEM WITH THE NOTE. HE SAID THE 30 DAY EXTENSION WAS ESSENTIALLY A FORMALITY AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT PENDING BEFORE DGAC ACTUALLY RELATED TO ONLY TO SCHEDULES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 TO APRIL 30. THERE IS ANOTHER TWA FILING OF SCHEDULES THE JULY PERIOD WHICH LEQUARTIER ASSUMED WOULD POSE NO REAL PROBLEMS -- SO LONG AS AIR FRANCE HAD NO PROBLEMS IN WASHINGTON GETTING WHATEVER FURTHER AUTHORIZATIONS WERE NEEDED TO COMMENCE

WASHINGTON-MEXICO BLIND SECTOR SERVICES. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, CONCERN ABOUT HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE FOR FAA TO ISSUE AMENDMENT TO CONCORDE OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS AND FEAR THAT THIS MIGHT DELAY COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEXICAN FLIGHT.

4. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE DGAC IS GOING TO HOLD TWA'S SERVICE HOSTAGE TO SECURE EXPEDITIOUS ACTION BY THE USG AND ESPECIALLY BY THE FAA.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE US WHETHER FAA ACTION (WHEN REQUESTED BY AIR FRANCE) SHOULD BE REGARDED AS ROUTINE OR SOMETHING LIKELY TO GET BOGGED DOWN IN US PROCEDURES. IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND/OR HEARINGS REQUIRED? ALSO, IS ANY CAB ACTION REQUIRED? IS THIS LIKELY TO POSE PROBLEMS?
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